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1. THE FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST IN REF CABLE. IN JUNE 1967, ONE MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT WAS IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPHY AT CHOYBALSAN ARMY BARRACKS WEST AL-3 (48-03-20N 114-27-3部 THIS WAS THE ONLY SOVIET LINE UNIT OBSERVED IN THE CHOYBALSAN AREA THROUGH 1969. IN MARCH 1976. HOWEVER, TENTS WERE OBSERVED AT CHOYBALSAN ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH AL-5 (48-84-11N 114-38-11E . INDICATING THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, AND IN APRIL 1970, LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT WERE OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST TIME ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL TENTS AT THE SAME INSTALLATION. THE ORDER OF BATTLE OBSERVED IN APRIL 1976 INCLUDED EQUIPMENT FOR ONE COMPLETE TANK REGIMENT AND ELEMENTS OF A SECOND. THE LATEST PHOTOGRAPHY (MAY 1976) OF THIS INSTALLATION REVEALED EQUIPMENT FOR THREE TANK REGIMENTS WITH DIVISION SUPPORT ELEMENTS.

THE MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT AT AL-3 AND THE THREE TANK REGINENTS AT AL-5 REPRESENT THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A TANK DIVISION. THE DIVISION IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR A FIELD ARTILLERY UNIT AND THREE BATTERIES OF TRUCK-MOUNTED ROCKET LAUNCHERS.

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